

cated to the service of youth, may be erected in further tribute to his constructive life."

Excerpts from the Carlson resolution follow:

"John E. Carlson, one of the most widely known and distinguished graduates of the University of Kansas, died at his home in Kansas City, Kas., on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1939.

"During his undergraduate days at the University, John Carlson gave freely of his talents as an athlete. . . . As a competitor he displayed a remarkable spirit of determination and fairness. He won the devotion of his fellow students and teammates, and the respect and admiration of his opponents.

"It is with deep sorrow and feeling of personal loss that the members of the Athletic board learn of his death. His absence will be greatly felt."

May Honor Him---



Dr. James Naismith, who was cited for a possible future memorial Friday night by the University Athletic board.

Naismith Field House Discussed

Dr. F. C. Allen and the members of his victorious basketball team collected gifts like a member of the Salvation Army last night at a banquet given by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce. Wrist watches, jackets, and a list of the boys that were recommended for letters were presented.

Dean Nesmith, varsity trainer and E. J. Falkenstein, athletic department secretary, were also given wrist watches.

Besides the Kansas basketball squad and about 60 Lawrence citizens, the Wyandotte high school cage team from Kansas City, Kansas, was present at the banquet.

Paul Endacott, president of the K.U. Alumni association, was the principal speaker at the banquet. Coach Allen also said a few words.

Allen mentioned plans for a Dr. James Naismith field house for the University. The Kansas coach compared this fighting basketball team of 1940 to the midget football squad of 1920, that tied Nebraska 20 to 20, with a brilliant last half rally and which was largely responsible for the building of the Memorial Stadium.

"The spirit of that team," Allen said, "was what warmed up the fans and alumni to the idea of building a stadium. This year's basketball team is of the same type."

"Conceded only an outside chance to go places in its own conference, Kansas surprised everyone with its will to win, therefore it wound up second in the nation," continued Allen.

"This is the type of a team that the fans like. The time is ripe to start work on the memorial for Dr. Naismith."

There has been discussion for some time now, to erect a field house on the campus in honor of the founder of the game of basketball, who spent so many years of his life serving the University.

More Than a History-- Naismith's Book Covers All Aspects of Basketball

The book "Basketball, Its Origin and Development," by the late James Naismith, the inventor of the game and former member of the University faculty, was issued recently.

Naismith, a Canadian by birth, came from Montreal to Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., then called the International Y. M.C.A. Training School, where he instructed a class in physical education.

Youth Need Indoor Game

His insight into the needs and attitudes was the guiding hand behind the efforts he made to keep the bodies of youth in action and good condition. American youth enjoyed football and baseball, but there was no fast action game for indoors. Despising regimentation and formalization, the young men never entered enthusiastically into calisthenics and other indoor exercises of patterned structure.

Utilizing old peach baskets and a round ball, Naismith solved the problem—and basketball was born. Basketball, a game which today has more participants and more spectators annually than any other game.

More Than A Mere History

Naismith's book "Basketball, Its Origin and Development" is more

than a mere history of basketball. It is this, but also it gives clearly and interestingly the history and development of physical education in the United States.

The book was sponsored by the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.. It should be read if only for the fact that it was written by the inventor of basketball—by a man who has spoken with authority upon one of the greatest American sports.

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A BIG BASKETBALL JUBILEE PLANNED

Naismith Memorial Committee in Springfield to Arrange Program

TO BE INTERNATIONAL

Springfield, Mass., Apr. 1.—An international celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of basketball will be held during the 1941-42 season with the city of Springfield, where the game was invented, as the focal point of the celebration. A group of prominent Springfield citizens headed by Mayor Roger L. Putnam will serve as a Naismith memorial committee to plan the events of a world celebration.

In December, 1891, Dr. James A. Naismith tacked the first peach baskets to the gymnasium railing and posted the first rules of basketball in the gymnasium of the International Young Men's Christian Association Training school, now Springfield college. The dates of basketball's golden jubilee year have been set accordingly by the committee as December, 1941, to December, 1942.

To Erect "Temple"

Plans already underway will provide recognition of basketball during the anniversary year in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the South American countries, where the game has become the most popular of all sports. The Naismith memorial committee will conduct a campaign to erect a memorial to the game's inventor to be known as a "Temple of Basketball." The building will house a basketball "Hall of Fame" that will be a depository for past, present and future basketball documents and records of the game. Another feature of the "Hall of Fame" will be the enshrining of names of annual official All-American basketball teams, selected by the sports writers of the country.

The first gift for the memorial to Dr. Naismith has been received by the committee from Dr. Naismith's Springfield college class of 1892 which has pledged the first thousand dollars for the memorial to their celebrated classmate.

The Naismith memorial committee will announce soon the list of nationally known figures who will make up the nation-wide committee to conduct the year's celebration of events in every place where the game of basketball is played.